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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF PROPOSALS TO INCREASE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES SALARIES

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- 1. FINANCIAL ATTACHE DELIVERED SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S LETTER TO CHANCELLOR HEALEY TO MALCOLM WIDDUP, UNDER SECRETARY, HMTREASURY AND LETTER TO GOVERNOR RICHARDSON TO KIT MCMAHON, DIRECTOR, BANK OF ENGLAND,. LETTERS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY PRESENTATION BASED ON REFTEL.
- 2. WIDDUP AT HMT SAID LETTER WAS VERY TIMELY. BILL RYRIE UK ED, IS CURRENTLY IN LONDON AND A SESSION WOULD BE HELD AFTERNOON OF JULY 12 AT HMT TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION. WIDDUP SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT IN SUBSTANCE AT THIS TIME BUT WOULD INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF HMG POSITION. FINANCIAL ATTACHE STRESSED US IS LOOKING TO THE UK FOR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT, THE MORE SO BECAUSE THE UK ED IS NOT PERMITTED TO RECEIVE HIS IMF SALARY, BUT RATHER IS DEPENDENT ON UK GOVERNMENT SALARY AND ALLOWANCE STRUCTURE IN WASHINGTON. WIDDUP DID CITE AS A DIFFICULTY

THE FACT THAT SOME SENIOR STAFF NOW APPARENTLY RECEIVE MORE REMUNERATION THAN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.

3. KIT MCMAHON WAS MORE FORTHCOMING. HE ALSO NOTED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SENIOR IMF/IBRD STAFF SALARIES AND ED SALARIES. HE COULD SEE QUITE GOOD REASON FOR DELAYING THE ED INCREASES UNTIL THERE IS A SERIOUS STAFF SALARY REVIEW, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT TO RESTRUCTURE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STAFF AND ED SALARIES AND THIS COULD BE A LONG TERM OPERATION. HE ADDED HE COULD SEE A QUITE COMPELLING CASE FOR THE US ARGUMENTS GIVEN WHAT HE HAS HEARD FROM BILL RYRIE AND THE PRESS ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD IFI SALARIES MCMAHON STRESSED THAT THE UK WOULD TAKE OUR REQUEST QUITE SERIOUSLY AND WOULD BE IN FURTHER TOUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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